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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant requests that the Examiner make of record the references cited in the International Search Report. Applicant notes that the Examiner has reviewed the references from the International Search Report but at this time not all references have been cited as part of the official record for this case.

DE 296 03 327 has been cited under category X with pages 1-2 and figures 1 and 3 indicated to be particularly relevant as to international claims 1-4, 7 and 14. It is noted that the reference fails to teach and fails to suggest the combination of features as claimed including an apparatus for visual inspection of soldered joints with an image transmission unit for transmitting the image received by the lense head to the ocular unit with an image deflection device extending up to an axially outermost end of the lense head. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time.

DE 298 06 922 has been cited under category X with pages 1-2 and figures 6 and 7 stated to be particularly relevant as to international claims 1-4, 7 and 14. The reference discloses an endoscope with a particular arrangement. The reference fails to teach or suggest the combination of features claimed including a lense head of an image transmission unit with a device for image deflection extending up to an axially outermost end of the lense head.

DE 28 01 146 has been cited under category X with pages 3 line 2 through page 4 line 1 as well as claim 1 and figures 1 and 2 indicated to be relevant to international claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 14. The reference discloses an endoscope arrangement with a viewing direction changing attachment with reflecting surfaces for changing the observing direction. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, Applicant attaches an English language abstract.

U.S. 4,846,154 has been cited under category X with column 2 line 56 through column 3 line 25 and figures 2-4 indicated to be relevant as to international claims 1, 3, 4 and 7. The reference discloses a dual view endoscope.

U.S. 5,052,802 has been cited under category A as technological background. This reference is already of record.

DE 298 05 624 U1 has been cited under category A as technological background. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. The reference relates to an endoscope.

In addition, the Applicant notes that the following references have come to Applicant's attention based on a third party request filed before the German Patent Office on May 23, 2001

wherein this was communicated to the Applicant on July 2, 2001. Documents have now been cited in this proceedings.

DE GM 7440701 discloses an endoscope. Figure 1 provides a cross sectional view of the structure. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time.

Lupenlaryngo-Pharyngoskop is a prospectus of a German company Richard Wolf GmbH. This prospectus relates to a scope device used as shown in the prospectus. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time.

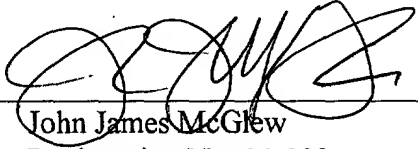
Technische Endoskopie für den industriellen Einsatz is a prospectus of the German company ELTROTEC Elektro-GmbH. The prospectus does not include extensive information as to the particular construction but notes particular characteristics or features. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time.

The third party request filed in Germany also cites the document JP 6-94429 A which has already been cited as well as DE 298 06 922 U1 which has been cited in the International Search Report.

Consideration of the references is requested.

Respectfully submitted
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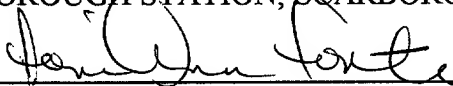
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In accordance with Applicant's duty of disclosure Applicant is hereby submitting a list of the references submitted in the parent application having serial number 09/394,732 and a filing date of September 13, 2001. Applicant is not submitting copies since these have already been previously submitted to the Patent Office as per 37 CFR § 1.98 (d).

Favorable Action is respectfully requested.

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